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SUBJECT: NORTHROP ACTIVITIES IN BRAZIL

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1. FOUR NORTHROP DOCUMENTS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL A WERE RECEIVED ON JUNE 18 BY DEPARTMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. AS RESULT OF NY TIMES INQUIRY ON JUNE 26 DEPARTMENT AGAIN CHECKED WITH STAFF OF CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO THAT QUESTION, STAFF STATED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD RELEASED VOLUME OF DOCUMENTS TOTALLING 535 PAGES WHICH CONTAINED BACKGROUND MATERIALS ON BRAZIL AND OTHER COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS AUDIT REPORT. THUS, NORTHROP MATERIALS HAVE IN FACT BEEN AVAILABLE TO PRESS SINCE JUNE 6, ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT BELIEVED THEY WERE STILL ONLY INTERNAL WORKING PAPERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. NO REPEAT NO REFERENCE TO DETAILS IN REFTEL A HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS TO DATE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

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3. NEW YORK TIMES OF JUNE 26 CARRIED STORY ENTITLED QUOTE RETIRED GENERALS EMPLOYED BY NORTHROP IN VARIED

TASKS. UNQUOTE. THE STORY IS BASED ON QUOTE 530 PAGE REPORT FIRST MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SEC AND THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, RELEASED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO BY THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE. UNQUOTE. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO MENTION OF BRAZIL IN THAT STORY. THIS IS FIRST REFERENCE TO 530 PAGE REPORT AND TO ERNST AUDIT APPEARING IN PRESS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

4. YOU MAY PROVIDE TEXT OF NORTHROP DOCUMENTS (POUCHED JUNE 19) TO GOB. YOU MAY DRAW ON ANY OF ABOVE EXPLANATION ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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